

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~The invention relates to a~~ A control device for preventively actuating a ~~means for protecting vehicle safety device, occupants and/or road users in a motor vehicle. This control device~~ comprises a decision stage which issues a triggering decision ~~the for the means for protecting vehicle safety device occupants~~ if ~~[[a]]~~ travel behavior of the vehicle which is critical for safety is ~~determined using~~ detected, based on dynamic translational movement parameters. ~~Furthermore, the control device comprises~~ In addition, a plausibility checking stage ~~for checking the plausibility of checks~~ the triggering decision.~~,-~~ ~~This plausibility checking stage evaluates it the triggering decision~~ as implausible (and prevents ~~triggering of the means for protecting vehicle safety device~~) ~~occupants and/or road users from being actuated~~ if an evaluation of the time profile of parameters which are sensed in the vehicle, ~~such for example~~ steering angle, activation of pedals, yaw rate or lateral acceleration, reveals that the travel behavior which is critical for safety corresponds, within predefinable limits, to a desired travel behavior. A travel behavior which is brought about in a deliberate and controlled fashion is considered to be a desired travel behavior.